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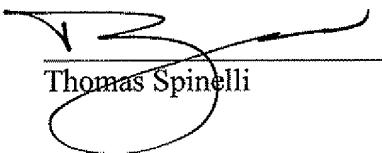
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 7-153903 published June 16, 1995 together with English language abstract.

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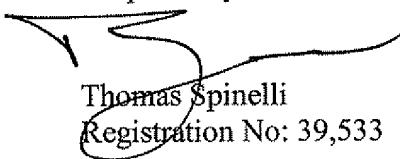


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The reference listed above was cited in an Office dated September 2, 2008 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference together with a copy of the Japanese Office Action. Please note that the other reference cited in the Japanese Office Action, namely, International Publication No. WO 02/102224 published December 27, 2002 was previously submitted in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated July 7, 2008. The relevance of the reference is described in the Search Report.

Further, inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), a statement is attached.

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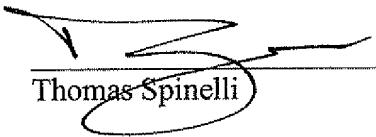
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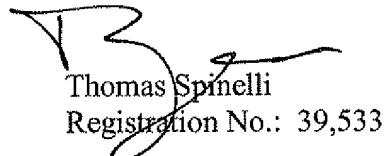
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Therefore, the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith cannot be considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application under paragraphs (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9), or (c)(10) of 37 C.F.R. §1.704.

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